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Applicants: Gregory John Fera, et al.) Examiner: Yicun Wu
Serial No.: 09/685,288) Group Art Unit: 2175
Filed: 10/10/2000) Confirmation No.: 4567
Title: Method And System For Remotely)
Managing Communication Of Data)
Used For Predicting Malfunctions In A)
Plurality Of Machines)

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The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if there are any issues regarding this response that may be resolved via telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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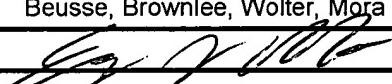
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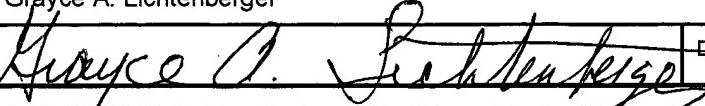
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